(d) The Institutes have cited the increase in operational expenses of the programme and the financial impact of the recommendations of Sixth Pay Commission as main reasons for fee hike.

(e) The Institutes provide Need Based Financial Assistance to the students. Easy bank loans are also being made available by the Banks.

Non-academic duties of Government school teachers

2812. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Knowledge Commission has raised concern over the increase in non-academic duties of Government school teachers;

(b) whether Government concurs with the concern of the Commission; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to relieve Government teachers of non-academic assignments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) National Knowledge Commission in a proposal submitted to the Prime Minister in February, 2008 has, *inter alia,* suggested as follows:

"The imposition of a wide range of non-teaching duties, such as that of manning poll booths and collecting data for surveys etc., cuts into the available teaching time and also undermines the professional status of teachers. These activities should be shared out among a wider range of public employees or even those hired specifically for the purpose, and the burden such work on teachers must be reduced. Specifically, unemployed local youth and recently retired people may be considered for such activities as far as possible".

(b) and (c) Education being a concurrent subject, most schools come under the purview of State Governments and it is for them to take appropriate action in the matter.

IITs, IIMs and universities of world class standard

2813. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has announced higher education programme and proposes to establish new IITs, IIMs and universities, which have world class standard, besides 16 universities in the country, as a part of the Eleventh Five Year Plan Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of State Governments who have offered land free of cost for this purpose; and

(d) what is the likely student-intake, cost involved investment required for each institute and from which source money required for the above mentioned programme would be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Based on the